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Bragging rights

BILLY Bragg and Stereo MCs wowed the crowd's at Village Green on Saturday.

The annual event at Chalkwell Park, Westcliff, saw more than 20,000 fans rock to the sound of hundreds of artists across multiple stages.

Turn to pages 6 and 7 for more.



Southend children's services not up to standard say Ofsted inspectors

CHILDREN'S services in Southend "require improvement to be good", according to Ofsted inspectors.

Only two of the five graded areas controlled by Southend Council were rated as good. But adoption services, progress of those leaving care into adulthood and its approach to tackling child sexual exploitation were praised.

Cllr James Courtenay, executive councillor for children and learning, said: "I am pleased that there were many very positive aspects to the report, including the assurance that children's immediate safety is assured. However, I am disappointed with the overall judgement and have already taken action to ensure we start to address the areas Ofsted have identified as requiring improvement."

Cllr Courtenay vowed to "work hard" to make sure all children's services are brought up to the required standards.

He added: "I am determined to reach the standards required to be judged good or outstanding as quickly as possible."

ROOM TO IMPROVE

A comprehensive improvement plan will be in place by September.

The council said it will include external monitoring that will be publicly available and include input by councillors.

Ofsted only found that concerns that children's immediate safety was assured in a majority of cases.

It raised concerns about cases where children did not receive services as soon as they should, with

the council saying it is "determined" to address this.

Ofsted recognised the council has carried out considerable work alongside its partners to develop and bring together early intervention services. The report goes on to state that "work to secure children's lives through adoption and services for care leavers are areas of significant strength".

The Local Safeguarding Children's

Board was also reviewed and was judged to require improvement.

Chris Doorly, chairman of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, defended the service's work, and said: "We will be considering the points made."

● **What do you think about children's services in Southend. Do you have first hand experience of failings? Email us at: southend@yellowad.co.uk.**

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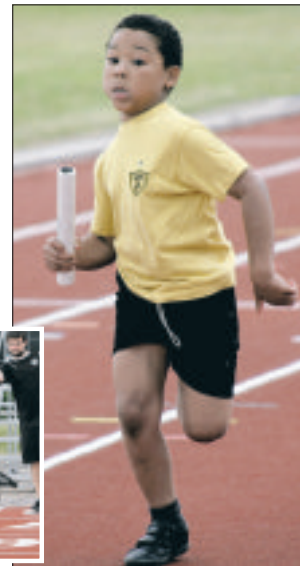
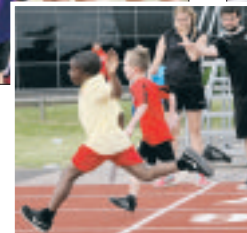
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CHAMPIONS: Heycroft Primary

RACE: Competitors at Southend borough sports day for KS1 children at Garon's Park
Photos by Mark Cleveland

WINNERS' PODIUM: Proud team captains with their trophies, from left, Federation of Greenways (bronze), Heycroft (gold) and Fairways (silver)

Sports day fun

DELIGHTED pupils from Heycroft Primary School, Leigh-on-Sea, came out on top in the afternoon session of Southend borough sports day for Key Stage 1 children.

Youngsters from the

school worked hard for the event, according to headteacher Andrew Palmer, who added: "They put in hours of before and after school training."

The event at Garon's Park is organised by Southend

School Sports Partnership.

This year 16 teams competed in the morning session and 13 in the afternoon.

Fairways Primary School, in Leigh and Southend's Federation of Greenways School were second and

third. The morning's honours went to Bournemouth Park Primary and Hamstel Junior schools from Southend and Hinguar Primary, Shoeburyness.

Heycroft also won the KS2 games two weeks ago.



NEWS IN BRIEF

● PUPILS in Southend are achieving higher than the national average for the government's new expected standard in Key Stage 2 Sats.

More than half, 55 percent, achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined – compared with an average of 53 percent in England.

Provisional data from the Department for Education, shows 78 percent of the borough's Year 6 pupils achieved the expected standard in writing, compared to 74 percent in England.

Seventy per cent of pupils in maths and 66 percent in reading – were in line with national average figures.

● VOLUNTEERS are mapping how Southend land is used and where wildlife likes to live.

Their findings will be compared with a 1990s survey to see how much land has changed, and to measure the health of habitats and gauge the level of biodiversity.

The results will be used for a council report providing evidence needed to help with future decisions about management and development.

Executive councillor for culture Ann Holland said: "It is part of a nationwide state of nature report launched in 2013 by 25 conservation and research organisations to give an objective overview of British wildlife."

● LEIGH Quakers, Audrey Regan and Joyce Harris, held a garden party and raised more than £1,000 for refugee charity Side by Side, which takes supplies – including caravans – to refugees in their camp at Calais.

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CLASS ACT

A GIANT mosaic was hoisted into pride of place high on the wall in a school entrance this week - ready to welcome the youngsters arriving at school each morning.

Pupils at Southend's Sacred Heart Catholic Primary designed and then made the mosaic - which has subtle religious overtones - with help from Paul Siggins from the Mosaic Studio.

All the children at the school played their part in producing the striking installation - which will be there for future generations to admire.

Paul said: "It has been a lovely experience helping the pupils flesh out their ideas on the design, seeing it come together and then to watch the pupils - from the youngest to Year 6 - all take it in turns to help build it," Paul said.

The mosaic measures 5.6 by 1.6 m.

Follow that cab!



HUNDREDS of children will be ferried to Southend in a convoy of over 100 balloon decorated London taxis.

The thrilling journey to the sea-side is now an annual event for the youngsters.

The taxis will leave Chingford at around 9.30am and are expected to arrive in Southend at around mid-day.

When they arrive on the coast, the taxi parade will drive along Chalkwell Avenue and

eventually park in Shorefield Park, before the VIP passengers are escorted into the Cliffs Pavilion for lunch.

The children will then be treated to the thrilling experiences of Adventure Island.

Organisers London Taxi Drivers Fund for Underprivileged Children promise a magical day for the children, a lot of whom have never been to the seaside before - let alone taken a ride in a London taxi.

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Smart move

IT IS easier to spot a matron at Southend Hospital these days – she has a brand new uniform.

Before the new outfits were introduced, many patients had apparently found it difficult to tell if they were talking to a matron, sister or ward manager – because their uniforms were quite similar.

But the problem has been solved and now the hospital's matrons have their very own

distinguished and distinct look.

When chief nurse Yvonne Blücher joined the hospital last October, everyone commented how she stood out as the hospital's professional lead in her uniform – so it was decided that all matrons should then follow suit.

Angela Cohen, matron for surgery, said: "We matrons all agreed a change was required.

Once we changed uniforms, we were delighted by the response from our patients, visitors and staff.

"It makes us even more proud to be part of the senior nursing team as professional leads."

Ruth Cozens, matron for maternity, added: "We've had lots of people comment that it is nice to see the belts and buckles back."

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Park life

MORE than 20,000 fans turned out for the Village Green festival on Saturday. Hundreds of artists and musicians performed at the all day event in Chalkwell park – headlined by Billy Bragg. Colette Bailey, artistic director and festival organiser, said, “After eight years, our festival still delivers.” Performance highlights included Dream Themes, Stereo MCs, Asylums and Sharon Rose.



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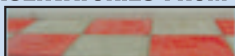
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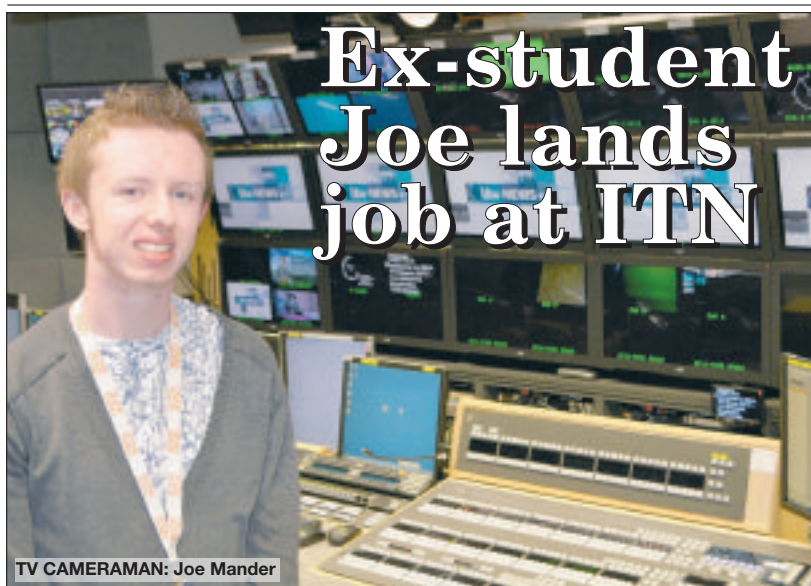
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Ex-student Joe lands job at ITN



TV CAMERAMAN: Joe Mander

A FORMER South Essex College media production student has landed a job at ITN.

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He has been involved in producing programmes seen by millions of viewers across the country every day on ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5.

The 19-year-old from Canvey impressed bosses during his year-long apprenticeship and has been taken on as a fully operational trainee camera operator, which means he will be out in the field rather than in the studio.

Joe said: "Working for ITV News London is fantastic – there's so much variety to the job and I love that; meeting new people every day and going to new places.

"I never know what I'm going to be doing on a

day-to-day basis until I get into work.

"I've been based with ITV News London since the end of February, for the final phase of my apprenticeship scheme at ITN.

"During this time I have covered everything from the London Mayoral Elections to filming at Wembley for the FA Cup final and even getting a look behind the scenes at where a lot of the Game of Thrones magic is made in Dartford.

"It's not all glamorous though as I've had to wait outside of courts for hours and film various outside things in the rain."

Joe, who has a one-year contract, said: "My course at the college definitely helped me get to where I am today, the teaching in particular stood out because the lecturers had real industry experience which was invaluable as was the up-to-date equipment which I now know is representative of what you find in the real world."

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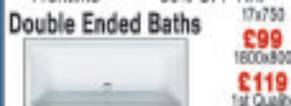
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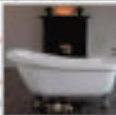
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Southend football ace wins US place

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He will arrive there next month to study and play for the Wilmington Wildcats soccer team.

Elliott will have the opportunity to combine his university studies with playing high level football for the next four years.

The scholarship has been gained through the assistance of PASS4Soccer Scholarships.

Elliott's acceptance into

Wilmington recognises his academic achievements, athletic ability and an impressive performance in the PASS4Soccer US Coach Showcase – held at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre in December 2015.

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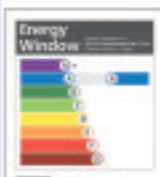
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SUPPORT: Royal British Legion director general Chris Simpkins and Rebecca Harris MP

MP backing legion's census campaign for armed forces

A CAMPAIGN to include extra details of armed forces families in the next UK census is being supported by Castle Point MP Rebecca Harris.

She is backing the Royal British Legion's Count Them In campaign.

At the moment little is known about the estimated 6.5million and 6.7m members of the armed forces community living in the UK – about a tenth of the population.

New questions added to the census forms in future would provide public bodies, local authorities, and charities with information to ensure they deliver the best services to the armed forces community.

Ms Harris, who recently met British Legion, service personnel and veterans to discuss the campaign in Parliament, said: "I was disappointed to learn that we currently know more

about the UK's Jedi community than we do about our Armed Forces.

"It cannot be right that our Servicemen and women, veterans and their families are effectively hidden from official statistics, so I'm only too happy to back the call for new questions to be added to the next UK Census. We count on them – let's count them in."

Chris Simpkins, Royal British

Legion, director general, said: "As a nation we promise to provide lifelong care and support for those who serve our country. New questions on the census will give us more information to do that."

Find out more about the campaign at www.britishlegion.org.uk/census, or by posting a pledge of support on social media using the #CountThemIn hashtag.

Warning over online scams

THE menace of conmen who steal money from unwary victims is being highlighted across the county as part of Scams Awareness Month.

Essex County Council trading standards and Citizens Advice have joined forces to encourage residents to follow the three-step rule – get advice, report it and tell others about it – if they come across a scam.

Each week the campaign picks out a different fraud trick; this week it is online scams.

Common scams involve payment cards, where details are cloned or stolen and used by third parties; fake goods scams, where consumers buy products (such as event tickets, goods or services) that do not exist; and dating scams, where scammers begin a fake online relationship with the victim to con them out of money.

Trading standards advise:

■ If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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■ Don't open suspicious or unknown emails, email attachments, texts or pop-up messages.

If you have received a possible scam email, do not reply or click on any links.

Anyone concerned family, friends or a neighbour have been the victim of a scam, can report the incident to the trading standards national helpline, run by Citizens Advice, on 03454 040506.

Drivers ignoring simple task of wearing seatbelts

A SUSPECTED drug-driver was arrested and 112 people were caught not wearing seatbelts during a police road safety swoop in Southend.

Eighty-two drivers and 30 passengers were spotted without seatbelts, 19 drivers were using mobile phones behind the wheel, nine vehicles were seized because the drivers were uninsured and 22 vehicles had no valid MOT.

During the operation on Thursday, July 7, a 28-year-old man from Southend was arrested on suspicion of drug-driving at Southchurch Road, Southend. He has been released on bail.

Adam Pipe, casualty reduction manager, said: "It is always disappointing to see that a number of drivers fail to wear a seatbelt.

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Horse sanctuary bids to plug £20k funding shortfall

Three open days axed after rain causes flooding



APPEAL: Horses like Minstral, right, at the Remus Sanctuary need urgent help after months of rain left fields under water



A HORSE sanctuary is facing a financial crisis after its grounds endured three months of torrential rain.

Sue Burton, founder of Remus Horse Sanctuary, near Ingatestone, has appealed for public help after three open days had to be cancelled due to flooding.

"Those days have cost us at least £20,000 in lost funding," said Sue.

"We suffered terribly from the River Wid flooding. Staff have had to walk into work

across fields because the road is closed.

"It's been absolute chaos. We are struggling to cope."

After spending two days when some parts of the sanctuary were under up to 5ft of flood water last week, the sanctuary was forced to cancel its July open day and the accompanying dog show.

Staff care for more than 200 animals at the sanctuary.

Sue added: "These events are essential to us in order to replenish our depleted coffers.

"We need urgent help and would be very grateful for any help that the generous public can offer us by way of a donation to one of our appeals, organising a fundraising event or sponsoring one of the animals."

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Not all graffiti is vandalism

I ENJOYED reading your article (YA, July 8) about the legal graffiti wall set up by the Growing Together organisation and supervised by John Bulley.

If it's a success, I hope this project can be extended and more graffiti walls established for youths.

A certain amount of graffiti and tagging is malicious vandalism, but generally street art is created by people with a genuine desire to improve those streets.

Creating spaces where graffiti can be encouraged and contained will benefit everyone. We'll live in a more colourful and vibrant urban environment, vandalism won't be eliminated, but will be lessened as youngsters are given their own space in which to create. The artistry of the young will be stimulated and furthermore we'll be sending an important message - that we don't have to be passive spectators of the place in which we live but can instead work to beautify it, to colour it in, to add a bit of ourselves to it. There are a few places in London where graffiti is legal. Scaremongers predicted that these might attract violent gangs or other problems, but that has not been the case.

One of the graffiti walls, in Leake Street, underneath Waterloo Station, has signs at

both ends telling people the two rules: firstly, to avoid hate-speech or other inflammatory language and imagery; and secondly, to accept that whatever you write or draw on the wall, in a few days someone else will come along and write or draw something over it.

People have been happy to follow these rules, there have been no problems, and London is a slightly brighter, more creative and more socially-engaged place as a result.

Jason Pilley
Southend

Police must have resources

COUNCILLOR Ann Holland and I were delighted to attend the first annual Essex Volunteer Police Cadet parade last weekend.

A healthy Southend contingent was on parade and showed just how constructive many young people are with spare time and hopefully it will lead to a determined effort to take policing as a first choice career in the future.

We certainly need a police force equipped for now and the future. The words of the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner were encouraging and welcome, but the government will need to think hard about the police service and the current cuts, policing with one hand tied

behind your back, is no defence against increasing crime.

The council's scrutiny members are looking to feature an anti-crime theme to this civic year's work. A commendable choice but what difference can they/we really make and will the police service be able to deliver tangible improvement to Southend policing because of this study?

We must wait and see if more special constables or PCSOs are to feature as part of the solution.

Cllr Mark Flewitt
Portfolio holder
Public Protection

The majority have spoken on Brexit

AMIDST all the confusion over the voting on the European referendum, may I make a few points. Firstly, Basildon voted strongly to leave the European Union. So did a majority of the population. Attempts to run an internet petition to demand a rerun of the referendum are a danger to our democracy.

The EU was set up originally to help bring peace to Europe and also to form a common agricultural policy (CAP) to stabilise the food market and help farmers.

These are well intentioned ideals and it should have

stayed that way. Wisley, we were right to retain our sterling currency.

Where did it all go wrong? Creeping Euro-based powers and regulations began to emerge and over a period of 43 years we are now engulfed in daily regulation changes that form hundreds of thousands of pages of laws and regulations. These regulations can be dealt with by large companies who do not have the manpower to unravel the red tape. The European power bases in Brussels and Strasbourg have tried to ensure that they will always be needed.

We do not need MEPs, the European Parliament, a European president, possibly even a European army, European commissioners, a European legal system, a European human rights system, European migrants arriving here without the ability to support themselves with a job and not having the skills that we need, and demands thrust upon us right down to the shape of fruits and vegetables, the size of motors on washing machines and other appliances, the types of lightbulbs we use, and so on.

We will always need regular meetings with European leaders to discuss affairs. No prob-

lems there. No one is permitted to ask any questions whatsoever about the salaries and expenses of MEPs. That cannot be right. Millions of pounds are wasted annually on producing glossy information publications exposing the wonders of Euro control and are distributed to schools, colleges and organisations throughout Europe. Some might call that propaganda.

We had essentially lost our freedom to make decisions that are right for the United Kingdom and are decided by our elected Parliament.

When the dust has settled and the panic subsides, I hope that we can stay Europeans in a friendly environment living in a changing world, and reacting in the way we want to when important decisions have to be made.

Mark Witzer
Basildon

Farage far from the greatest

FORGET Gladstone, Disraeli, Lloyd George, Churchill and even Margaret Thatcher, Basildon's UKIP leader, Cllr Allport-Hodge, believes that

Nigel Farage will "go down as the greatest politician ever".

Nigel "Hokey-Cokey" Farage has resigned again as UKIP leader having helped persuade the electorate to cut off its collective nose to spite its collective face and awarded the UK pole position in the Stupidest Nation on Earth stakes. In more sinister terms, his anti-immigrant ravings have fuelled overt racism and isolationism that give the lie to this country's once proud reputation of tolerance.

And that many voters in Basildon, once so open to the income, continue to accept the false promises of UKIP (remember Dry Street?) and its allies and embrace the xenophobia that accompanies their paranoia is desperately sad.

Meanwhile, Mr Farage, despite his disdain for the European Parliament and everything it stands for and despite his lack of attendance at crucial votes (just 40 per cent) will, alongside his UKIP MEP colleagues, continue to draw their not inconsiderable MEP salaries and allowances. Viva Rip-Off Britain!

Nigel Farage the "greatest politician ever?" Mickey Mouse might disagree.

Geoff Williams
Former Basildon councillor

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Police investigation into man's 'injuries'

POLICE in Basildon are under investigation following an official complaint.

Officers are being probed by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) over an incident outside Basildon police station in June. The watchdog has placed a sign in Great Oaks urging witnesses to come

forward – but have given only vague details of the allegations. The sign says: "Did you witness an incident involving police here on June 15, 2016, between the hours of 4pm and 6pm? If so, please contact the IPCC."

A spokesman said: "The IPCC is independently investigating a complaint referred

to us by Essex Police concerning injuries a man sustained and contact he had with police officers near Basildon police station on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

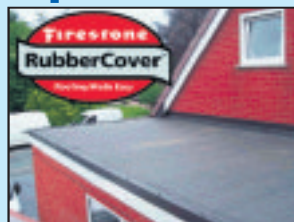
"The investigation is in its early stages and the man concerned has been informed of our involvement."

Essex Police said it was not

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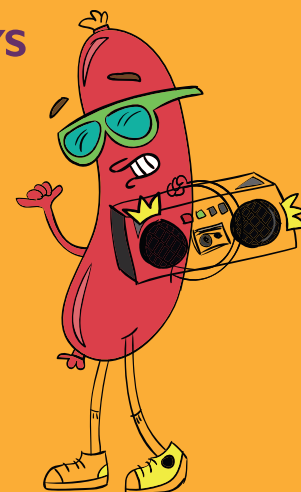
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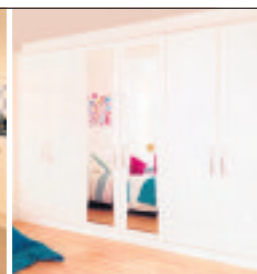
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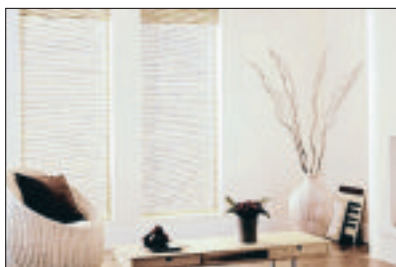
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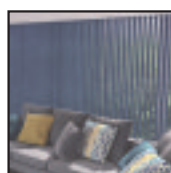
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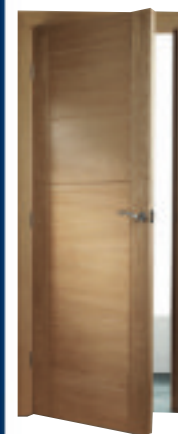
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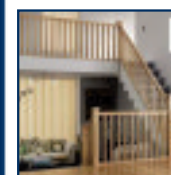
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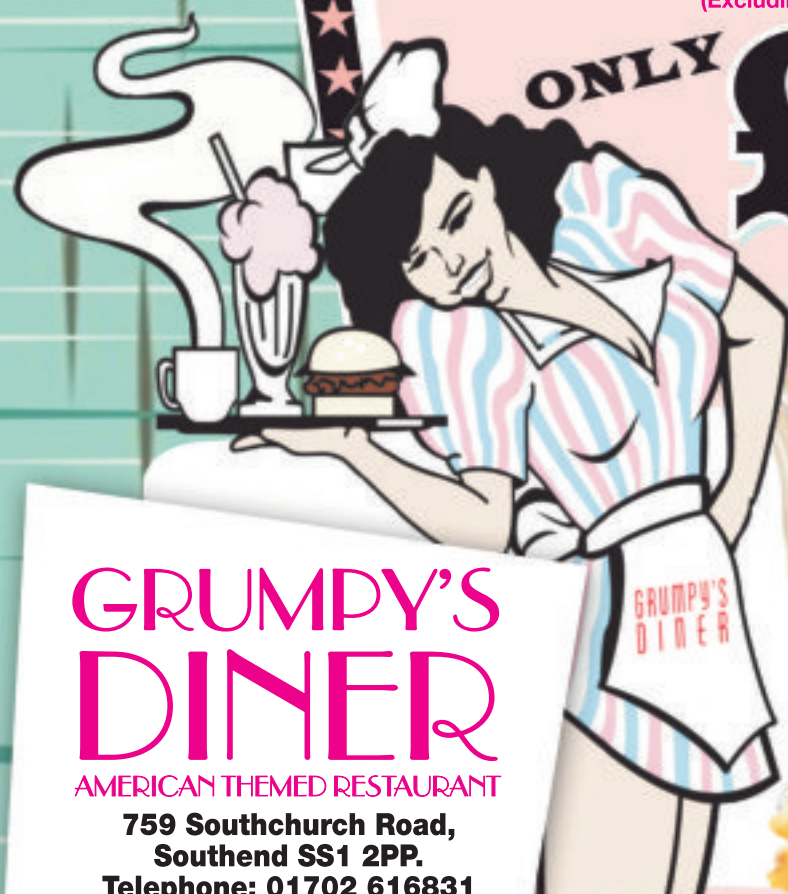
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TWISTED FAIRY TALE: Members of Firebirds who are performing *Into the Woods*

By Liz Wade

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BE CAREFUL what you wish for – and if you get it, be even more careful – that is the message from a production at Brentwood Theatre.

The musical, *Into the Woods*, which will be performed by the award-winning amateur theatre company, Firebirds, from July 20 to 23, could be considered a morality play.

It has been described as a “fractured fairy tale” and it certainly has moments as dark as anything the Brothers Grimm could come up with, but also has an underlying plea to be more responsible and caring towards each other and the community.

What begins as a lively irreverent fantasy becomes a moving lesson.

The show, produced by singer Cathy Edkins, features many well known fairytale characters but with a different spin.

There is an ambivalent Cinderella, a blood-thirsty Little Red Riding Hood, a Prince Charming with a roving eye and a witch, who raps, plus music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim from a book by James Lapine.

The story revolves round a baker and his wife, who learn they have been cursed with childlessness by the witch next door. They embark on a quest for the special objects needed to break the spell, swindling, lying to and stealing from Cinderella, Little Red Riding hood,

Rapunzel and Jack, the beanstalk-climber, who has to beat a Giant, to get them.

Everyone’s wish is granted at the end of Act One, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later, with disastrous results.

Although they have what they wished for, they are still not satisfied and want more.

Act Two builds up to a dramatic and dark ending in which a Giant plays a fairly scary part.

Cathy’s Firebirds has become a regular at the theatre in Shenfield Road, with a production every summer for the past three years. The venue won a Brent, the theatre’s own equivalent of an Oscar last year for *The Secret Garden*.

Cathy said: “We chose *Into the*

Woods because it is an ensemble production – we are singers not dancers, so this an ideal vehicle for us.

“There is something amazing about fairy tales – however fractured – in these stories we meet witches and queens, giants and elves, princes, dragons, talking animals, ogres, princesses, and sometimes even fairies.

“Marvellous and magical things happen to characters in fairy tales.

“A boy may become a bird. A princess may sleep for a hundred years.

“A seal may become a girl. Objects too can be enchanted – mirrors talk, pumpkins become carriages, and a lamp may be home to a genie.”

Cathy added that *Into the*

Woods was a challenge even though it was a fable.

“It’s no easy option. Sondheim is hard to master, very hard. It takes a long time to learn his harmonies and especially his unusual – some might say outrageous – rhythms.

“But our actors have all worked hard and recent rehearsals have been really great fun.

“A live band based in the wings accompanies us all the way through,” she added.

Firebirds has to work on a pretty tight budget and has – as Cathy puts it – begged and borrowed costumes from other groups.

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The musical had a trial run in San Diego, USA, in 1986 and premièred on Broadway a year later.

Disney brought out a film adaptation starring Meryl Streep, Emily Blunt, James Corden, Anna Kendrick, Chris Pine, Tracey Ullman, Christine Baranski and Johnny Depp in 2014, which received three Academy Award nominations and three Golden Globe Award nominations.

The show runs from Wednesday, July 20 to Saturday, July 23 at 7.30pm, with 2.30pm matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. Tickets are £16 and £14 concessions.

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GHOSTBUSTERS (12A, 116 mins)

If there's something strange in your neighbourhood, who ya gonna call?

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The hugely successful director of *Bridesmaids*, *The Heat* and *Spy* applies a gender reversal to an effervescent remake of the 1984 supernatural comedy about a quartet of parapsychologists, who make a living capturing spooks in New York City.

Nostalgia oozes like ectoplasm from every glossy frame of this special effects-laden *Ghostbusters*, including cameos for most of the original cast and repeated bursts of Ray Parker Jr's infectious theme song.

"I ain't afraid of no ghosts," deadpans one familiar face and it's certainly true that there are few jumps in a script co-written by Feig and Kate Dippold that awkwardly marries spectral scares with twisted humour.

The monstrous Stay Puft Marshmallow Man and greedy green ghoul Slimer play their part too.

Actress Melissa McCarthy, the director's lucky talisman, is in fine fettle, effusively trading quips with co-stars including a scene-stealing Chris Hemsworth as the team's hunky male receptionist, Kevin, whose chest measurement in inches exceeds his I.Q.

"You know an aquarium is a submarine for fish," casually remarks the beefcake in one of his cerebral interludes.



Abby (Melissa McCarthy), Erin (Kristen Wiig), Holtzmann (Kate McKinnon) and Patty (Leslie Jones)

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Erin Gilbert (Kristen Wiig) hopes to secure tenure at Columbia University, but her academic future is thrown into disarray when childhood friend Abby Yates (McCarthy) peddles copies of their long forgotten 400-page tome, *Ghosts From The Past: Both Literally & Figuratively*.

The two women are reunited in the lab where Erin conducts experiments with her madcap protegee, nuclear engineer Jillian Holtzmann (Kate McKinnon).

A haunting at Aldridge Mansion gives the trio their first glimpse of the fight ahead, and soon after, ballsy subway worker Patty Tolan (Leslie Jones) joins the team, blessed with an encyclopaedic

knowledge of Manhattan's grim history.

It transpires that a demented misfit called Rowan North (Neil Casey) is summoning ghosts to create a vortex between the living and the dead.

Armed with prototype backpacks, the gang gallantly races into the fray, risking ridicule from the media and Mayor Bradley (Andy Garcia).

When disaster looms, Erin pleads with Bradley to evacuate the city.

"Please don't be like the mayor in *Jaws*!" she screams, urging direct action rather than caution.

Ghostbusters affectionately harks back to the series' glory days before the creative misstep

of the 1989 sequel.

McCarthy and Wiig rekindle their *Bridesmaids* on-screen chemistry, with colourful turns from McKinnon and Jones, and merciless self-mockery from Hemsworth.

The script papers over gaping holes, including the absence of a back story for kooky arch-villain Rowan, with spectacular action sequences and pop culture references like when the team claims a ghost flung a man out of a window and an incredulous cop replies, "You mean, like Patrick Swayze?"

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Friday, July 15

- Live music - Dave Woodcock at Preview, rear of RNA Club, 73-79 East Street, Prittlewell, Southend, SS2 6LQ. 8.30pm, £1 life membership.
- Counselling Service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk.
- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group - Nevendon Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10 to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
- Sequence Dancing - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.
- Book Club - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 10-11am. 01268 465854.
- Drama Classes - Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.
- Table Tennis - Landon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.
- Table Tennis - St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoeburyness, 2-4pm. 01702 343462.
- Modern Sequence Tea Dance - St James's Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, 1.45-3.45pm, details Henry 01702 343462.

Saturday, July 16

- Concert - Allegro...at the Movies, Highlands Methodist Church, Sutherland Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PT. 7.30pm. £10, children free entry, 01268 751303.
- Boot sale - St Peter's Church field, Church Road, Thundersley, 1-3pm. Admission 50p,

children free entry, cars £10, vans £12.

- Garden fete - Westcliff Library, 2-4pm.
- Saturday Club - for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
- Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk.
- Yugioh Club - play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club - The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club - St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group - Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class - St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for stroke victims, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz workshop - Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old fire station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).

Sunday, July 17

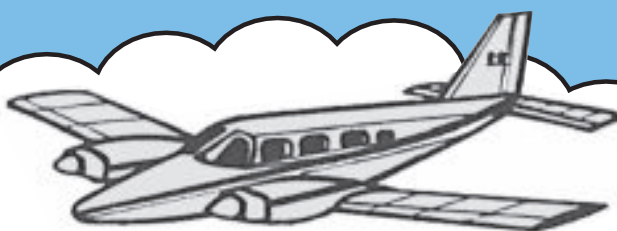
- South East Essex Ramblers - 5.5-mile walk, Sutton and Stonebridge, 10am, meet Garons Park Leisure Centre, SS2 4FA. Details 01702 479053.
- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides - by Waterside Sports Centre, Somnes Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA. Details 07950 659596.
- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz - Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 12.30pm. 01702 345247.
- Sunday School - The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation - Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend - Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon, 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club - TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley (ages three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club - Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, details Mo 07757 658799.
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- Ron Spack's Jazzlet - Kenny Baxter, saxophone, Mike Sagrott, guitar, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood. 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
- Coffee Morning and sale of goods - Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon.
- Club 50+ - 1B Queens Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning - for parents in Craylands and Felmores area. Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or turn up.
- Dance class - usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashington and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
- Leigh Scrabble Club - 7-10pm. All standards. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s. Craft: 10am to noon, tai chi: 9.45am-12.30pm, 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm, indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club - Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
- Counselling Service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk.
- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes - Fryerns Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
- Over-50s session - Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Badminton and table tennis 2-4pm. £3.50 inc refreshments and equipment. 01268 773100.
- Activity Session for adults with special needs - 10am to noon. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.
- Duplicate Bridge - Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call Vernon 01702

343611 or Tony 01702 520993.

- Duplicate Bridge - Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop - St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group - 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba - Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Beginners Computer Course - Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh - welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls - in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls - Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, Ray 01268 779666.
- Indoor Bowls - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mon 2-4pm, 01268 465854.
- Whist - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club - Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
- Pensioners stall - York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
- Evening of clairvoyance - 57 Point Road, Canvey, SS8 7TT. 7.30pm, £3 all profits to charity Tel: 07922 001433 or 01268 691922.
- Development Healing Circle - Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking - from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club - Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild - Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street, SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions - Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.
- Magic: The Gathering Club - play and trade, beginners welcome, Laindon Community Centre, SS15 6NX, 6-10pm, email: BasildonMTG@hotmail.com.

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■ Alzheimer's Society Men's Motivational Group – call 01702 345156 or 343121.

■ Anchor Folk Club – Brooke Williams, 7-9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £2, 01702 715111.

■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-3pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.

■ Social Dance Class – instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219 /542349.

■ Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.

■ Weekly Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge. Emma 01702 471873.

■ Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Ced's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.

■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library), 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.

■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, Details Pat 07708 692041.

■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm. 01702 715111.

■ Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club requires new or experienced players – James Hornsby School, Laindon. First session free, call or text 07952 043456.

■ Tea Dance – Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.

■ Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 017002 551470.

■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.

■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am,

sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am to noon.

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■ Bingo and Hoi – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/ 525141/340617.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoeburyness, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children up to five years old. 01702 577655.

Wednesday, July 20

■ South East Essex Ramblers – 5.5-mile walk, River Crouch and seawall, 10am Canewdon Church, SS4 3QJ. Details 01702 548025. Twelve-mile walk Tiptree to Kelvedon. Details 07532147207/07905 601284.

■ Hatha Yoga Class – Leigh Community Centre, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.30-11am. 01702 552260.

■ Sculpture, Stone Carving & Lettering – Traditional tools and professional tuition. 8-10pm, Studio Workshop, West Road, Shoeburyness. Jim Davis 01702 292867.

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CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

1. Pleasure haunts where a black suit is required after dark (5-5)
7. Giant container breached by the Territorial Army (5)
8. Very large crowd I have to follow (7)
10. See 4 Down
11. What regular consumers don't do quickly (4)
13. When deciphered, my code will cause amusement (6)
15. One-eyed kind of craft! (6)
17. Some land back in the former capital (4)
18. Particular inclination to write church music (8)
21. They're employed to suit other people (7)
22. Annie has become vacuous (5)
23. Minor fuss associated with the French perfume (10)

DOWN

1. Being put in a solution, it reacts (5)
2. E.g. I'd once broken up racial extermination (8)
3. Keeping a watch on (6)
- 4 & 10 Across. Those keeping to the track don't! (4,3,5)
5. Just the one to act unscrupulously in the gang (7)
6. Say the skill needed by the government (10)
9. Irene Tate's frenzied pleas (10)
12. Give a picture of French writer (8)
14. Became a member of a union (7)
16. Doesn't continue lawsuits when the first of the evidence is introduced (6)
19. Not linked with what the actor takes (5)
20. Mere indoor game (4)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

1. Control (10)
7. Unsolved (5)
8. Prattle (7)
10. Intensity (8)
11. Overtake (4)
13. Concoct (6)
15. Evil (6)
17. Slant (4)
18. Extend (8)
21. Doubtful (7)
22. Entertain (5)
23. Dejected (10)

DOWN

1. Avarice (5)
2. Conquer (8)
3. Remember (6)
4. Absent (4)
5. Retrenchment (7)
6. Authorised (10)
9. Homes (10)
12. Shame (8)
14. Talkative (7)
16. Motive (6)
19. Frequent (5)
20. Gambol (4)

Last week's solutions

CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS
Across: 6 Glucose; 7 Vicar; 9 Opt; 10 Bilingual; 12 Quarterback; 15 Convenience; 17 Shillings; 19 Cop; 21 Miserer; 11 Puffers; 13 Rennet; 14 Rosetta; 16 Candy; 18 Earl; 20 Ask.

QUICK SOLUTIONS
Across: 6 Option; 7 Value; 9 And; 10 Reference; 12 Fashionable; 15 Shillings; 17 Shillings; 19 Cop; 21 Miserer; 11 Puffers; 13 Rennet; 14 Rosetta; 16 Candy; 18 Earl; 20 Ask.

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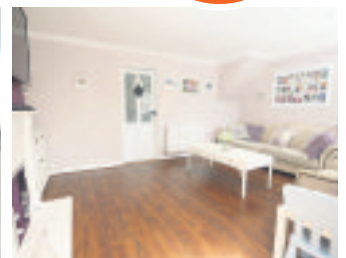
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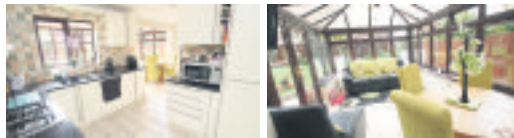
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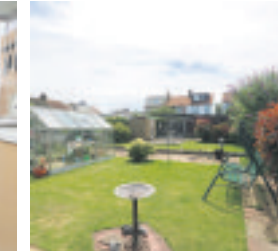


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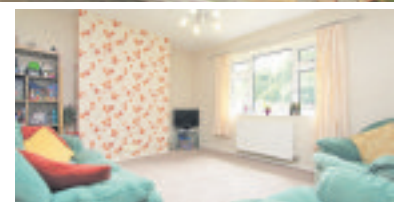
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Leigh On Sea £825 pcm



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Westcliff On Sea £950 pcm



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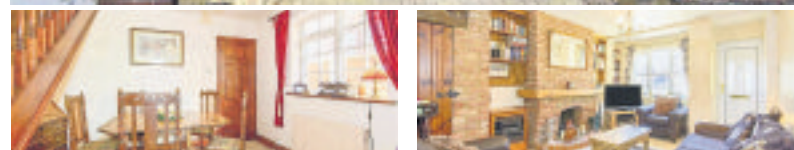

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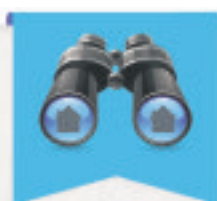

Four bedrooms, family bathroom & shower room, two reception rooms, utility room, conservatory & two integral garages.

Rayleigh £425,000


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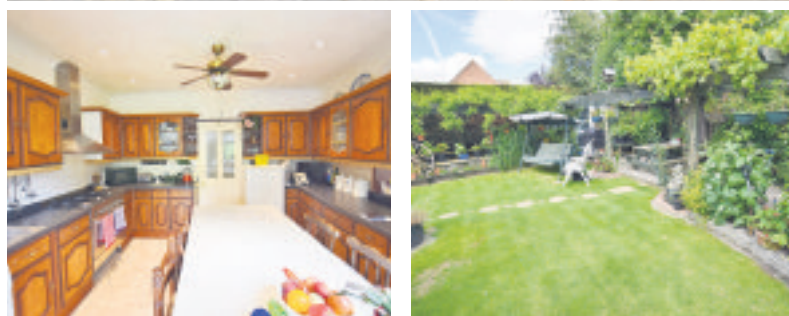
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By Mike Torpey

THE majority of the most popular cars in Britain now offer five-star crash protection – but standard fitting of autonomous emergency braking is still only available on half of them.

Analysis by independent safety experts Thatcham Research confirms that five of the current Top 10 UK best-sellers now offer some level of AEB fitment as standard.

Worryingly though, only one – the Mercedes-Benz C-Class – has the crash prevention technology on every model and trim level in its range.

Monitoring the road ahead using sensor and camera technology, AEB has been shown to reduce low-speed crashes by up to 40 percent by automatically braking to avoid a collision with another car or a pedestrian, if the driver hasn't responded.

But it is still not available on more than half of all new cars (52 percent) on sale in the UK and, says Thatcham chief Peter Shaw, the best-selling models need to be setting an example to change this.

Shaw says: "It is right to acknowledge the achievements of car makers in providing us with safe cars that offer excellent protection in the event of a crash, with eight of the top 10 best-sellers having Euro



AUTONOMOUS EMERGENCY BRAKING: Mercedes Benz C-Class

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"However, preventing the crash from happening in the first place now must be the focus and that starts with having AEB as standard.

"Prioritising fitment to the best-sellers will make the biggest contribution to reducing the number of crashes on our roads, as well as encouraging other car makers to

follow suit."

The Mercedes-Benz C-Class has AEB as standard across its entire range, while the Volkswagen Golf and Nissan Qashqai also have commendable levels of standard fitment – 83 and 71 percent.

At the other end of the spectrum, the Vauxhall Corsa – the UK's second best-selling car – is not available with AEB at all

and the number one best-seller, the Ford Fiesta, only offers the technology as an optional extra, and on only just over half the model range.

"With combined sales of the Fiesta and Corsa totalling more than 100,000 in the first six months of this year, there's a great opportunity to provide standard fit crash prevention for the masses," says Shaw.

Superminis are likely choices of car for young, inexperienced drivers who are 26 times more likely to be involved in a crash. Yet, the size and price of a car do not have to be barriers to AEB fitment.

Shaw adds: "Honda has shown that standard fit AEB safety at supermini price level is achievable, with the new Jazz having it across the entire range."

Shorter model replacement cycles may make it easier for car makers to upgrade their safety offer and Thatcham Research believes that they must take more advantage of these opportunities.

"The new Fiesta is expected next year and gives Ford the opportunity to redress the balance by making AEB standard," comments Shaw.

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BROWN HAS HIGH HOPES FOR BLUES

Football

SOUTHEND United manager Phil Brown believes the potential influx of new faces at Roots Hall will help the Blues recover following a disappointing conclusion to the last campaign.

New signings Jason Demetriou and Jermaine McGlashan, along with several trialists, including former Newcastle United frontman Nile Ranger, appeared for the Blues in their opening pre-season friendly at Great Wakering Rovers. Speaking to *Yellow Sport*, Brown felt the team needed freshening up after three tough seasons.

"I don't think we needed to change the mindset, quite simply we needed to change the personnel," he said.

"I think that has been the key factor. If you look at why we

finished poorly at the end of last season, as far as I'm concerned it was down to a number of things, but the main one was fatigue. The fatigue of three years constant football with no real rest. What I mean by no real rest is a play-off semi-final first year, play-off final second year, euphoria of promotion, hardly any rest whatsoever and a group of players that have been with me for three years.

"The majority of them have been with me for three years.

"People have still said it was a reasonable season, after 36 games it was a reasonable season, after that it wasn't. It wasn't changing the mindset, it was just changing one or two of the personnel, bringing in fresh bodies and starting again."

Brown is particularly pleased with new captures Demetriou and McGlashan, who both



BLUES BOSS: Phil Brown

played the opening 45 minutes of the Blues' 7-0 win at Burroughs Park.

"Jason and Jermaine wanted to show the fans for the first time that they were wearing a

Southend shirt, and wearing it for the right reasons," said Brown.

"Where Jason is concerned, he is going into a right-back berth where we've already got two right-backs.

"A lot of people might be questioning that, but with his quality and when it became apparent that he'd become available, I jumped at the chance.

"That improves the situation because it makes John White a better player.

"Look at the situation where Luke O'Neil is concerned. He's jumped one position ahead and he looked quite comfortable in there.

"When quality players come around, you don't let them fall by the wayside, you try to grab hold of them. Both of them have come in and I think they have improved us."

Whitlock takes London Open title again

Athletics

MAX WHITLOCK continued his dominance of the London Open by taking the all-around title for a fourth year in a row.

The competition was the last trial to make the British team for the Rio Olympics and Whitlock did not disappoint in the battle for the Westminster Cup.

Whitlock also learnt he will have the honour of having the competition's Clayton Bolt renamed after him from next year, from when it will be known as the Whitlock Cup.

The pommel world champion

delivered incredible performances with high scoring fifties on floor and pommel as part of six clean rotations to take the overall title with a huge score of 91.200.

Whitlock's South Essex clubmate Brinn Bevan also continued his remarkable bid for an Olympic spot with a score of 88.200 after a clean run over his six routines, which included bronze medal-winning displays on pommel and parallel bars.

Bevan, who broke his leg seven months ago, finished fourth and just 0.1 off a bronze to give himself a great chance of making the team for Rio

when it was due to be announced on Tuesday, July 12.

South Essex's Reiss Beckford had a great day with only one mistake – a spectacular fall from the high bar – and finished in eighth.

Clubmate Jay Thompson, who is coming back from a torn Achilles and a dislocated elbow, competed on four pieces and showed grit with awesome routines for top 10 spots on parallel bar, high bar and rings.

Douglas Turnbull, 14, represented South Essex in the Under-18s competition for the Loveday Trophy.

He competed well against

boys up to four years older than him with only one mistake during his parallel bars routine, and finished 18th with a score of 73.400.

In the Clayton Bolt Under-14 competition, Joshua Underwood had a fantastic competition and finished fifth.

He also completed a great high bar routine which included a huge release and catch (Gienger) to claim a bronze medal.

South Essex's Luke Morrison was 12th and Drew Ladell produced eye-catching routines on floor and vault.

Non-league round-up

Clubs prepare for road to Wembley

By Brian Jeeves

ALTHOUGH the Emirates FA Cup Final is 10 months away, many of the region's non-league clubs are preparing for the competition's extra preliminary round, as the road to Wembley gets under way.

Essex Senior League outfit Ilford appear to be staging the pick of the local ties, meeting fellow ESL club Burnham Ramblers at the Cricklefield Stadium on August 6 (3pm).

Several other notable fixtures see London Bari face Clapton as tenants face their landlords at the Old Spotted Dog ground. Redbridge face a local derby with Waltham Forest, while there's another all-ESL tie at Crofters End where Sawbridgeworth Town take on Southend Manor.

The local FA Cup ties in full are as follows: Redbridge v Waltham Forest, Enfield 1893 v Tower Hamlets, FC Clacton v Eton Manor, Sporting Bengal United v Ipswich Wanderers, Wivenhoe Town v Hullbridge Sports, Barkingside v Hadleigh United, Whitton United v Basildon United, London Bari v Clapton, Barking v Takeley, Sawbridgeworth Town v Southend Manor, Stanway Rovers v FC Romania and Ilford v Burnham Ramblers.

National League South outfit Chelmsford City have announced the signings of Corby Moore and Robbie Willmott.

Midfielder Moore links up with the Clarets after spending the second half of last season under new City manager Rod Stringer at Bishop's Stortford. Prior to that the 22-year-old had enjoyed spells with Southampton, Forest Green Rovers as well as American club Indy Eleven.

Meanwhile, Willmott arrives at the Melbourne Stadium after being released by Ebbsfleet United at the end of the last campaign. Joining Moore in competition for a place in the Clarets midfield, the 26-year-old can name Cambridge United, Luton Town and Newport County among his previous clubs, as well as short spells on loan at both Eastleigh and Bishop's Stortford.

The double swoop brings boss Stringer's number of new signings to 14 as he looks to build a team capable of mounting a serious promotion charge.

Ryman League Division One North club Great Wakering Rovers are to stage Southend United's pre-season friendly match with a West Ham United XI at their Burroughs Park ground.

Blues had to find a new venue for the match after poor weather hampered the recovery of the reseeded Roots Hall pitch. The all-ticket clash is scheduled for Saturday, July 23 (3pm), with the ground capacity limited to 1,750.

Maldon & Tiptree got their pre-season preparations under way with a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Sky Bet League Two Colchester United at Park Drive. Dexter Peter, Sammie Szmodics and Macauley Bonne were on target for the U's. Experienced former Colchester, Leyton Orient and Dagenham & Redbridge striker Jamie Cureton lined up for the Jammers.

Other warm-up matches involving our local sides saw ProKit UK Essex Olympian Leaguer's Rayleigh Town edge out ESL opponents Basildon United by the odd goal in five at Playfootball, Southend. Elsewhere, goals from James Stevens and Alfie Hilton saw Ryman League Division One North new boys, Bowers & Pitsea, see off Hullbridge Sports 2-0.

Southend Manor were top scorers of the day, beating EOL club AFC Barnston 10-1, while ESL new boys West Essex won 7-1 at Snarebrook.

Ilford went down 3-1 to Aveley and Barkingside were beaten 2-1 by Haringey Borough.



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